

**CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS
SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMISSION
Council Chambers, Urbana City Building
Tuesday, September 1, 2020**

Commissioners Present: Stacy Gloss, Andrew Stumpf, Morgan White, Grace Wilken, Maddy Garbacz

Commissioners Absent: Tomas Delgado, Megan McGinty

Staff Present: Scott Tess

Call to Order, Roll Call, and Declaration of Quorum

Stacy Gloss called the meeting to order, a roll was called and a quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes

Morgan White motioned to approve the minutes for the August 4, 2020 meeting. Andrew Stumpf seconded the motion. Maddy Garbacz, Stacy Gloss, Andrew Stumpf, Morgan White and Grace Wilken voted yes to approve the minutes. The motion passed.

Changes to the Agenda

There were no changes to the Agenda.

Public Input

There was no public input.

Staff Report

Scott Tess gave the following updates:

Closed Landfill

Urbana City Council has approved an updated Champaign-Urbana Solid Waste Disposal System (CUSWDS) Agreement which extends the partnership between the two cities and streamlines the governance of the joint action agency with responsibility for managing a portion of the Urbana closed landfill.

Staff will be developing a request for quote for replacement of an existing, defective sampling well at the CUSWDS landfill with the assistance of the City's hydrogeology consultant.

Geothermal

Geothermal Urbana-Champaign is schedule to release a request for proposal for a geothermal installer on August 31. The program expects to commence Geothermal Power Hours in October.

Solar Urbana-Champaign

Solar UC has 30 contracts signed totaling 85kw of capacity triggering the first graduated price reduction.

Ucycle

Ucycle is planning for additional recycling collections in select multifamily apartments that have a history of overflowing recycling cans during move in and move out of students. We will be working with code enforcement to keep the alleys behind multifamily apartments near campus reasonably clean and ordered during this fall's move in schedule.

Urbana Community Solar

Nexamp, Trajectory Energy Partners, and the City of Urbana held two webinars to share information about the Urbana Community Solar subscription opportunity. The collaborative is seeking organizations to co-host future webinars.

Urban Forest

The City has submitted a letter of interest to Lumpkin Family Foundation for a grant to study the intersection of tree canopy, vacant tree sites, and environmental justice zones. If the Foundation believes the project is a good fit with their goals and priorities, they will ask the City to expand the letter of interest to a grant application.

Next Sustainability Advisory Commission Meeting

October 6 at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers at the Urbana City Building or by Zoom depending on circumstances.

Approval of Updated Commission bylaws incorporating diversity, equity, inclusion, and justice

Morgan White shared that she worked with Maddy Garbacz. She mentioned that the youth perspective was helpful in seeing the bylaws in a different light and they came up with the suggestion that terms be defined in the beginning of the document to help readers understand the bylaws easily. Stacy Gloss made suggestion of using the white space in the Sustainability Advisory Commission page as an educational space. Grace Wilken shared that she focused on the new additions and worked with Megan McGinty.

The commission spent time discussing updates and changes to the bylaws based on comments by SAC members on the document.

Discussion of Comprehensive Plan

Due to the extended discussion of Commission bylaws updates, a discussion of the Comprehensive Plan is being tabled. However, Grace Wilken asked what the deadline for the new Comprehensive Plan is, what the time frame for the Plan is (15 years?) and what the Commission's role is with regards to the Comprehensive Plan. Scott Tess shared that there is a graphic of the Comprehensive Plan Roadmap. Currently, we are at Step 2.

Unfinished Business

Grace Wilken brought up issues of the goals for the Commission and how these goals can be addressed and measured.

Announcements

The Sustainability Advisory Commission has an immediate opening for Commission Member. Interested parties may download the application form at:

<https://www.urbanaininois.us/boards/sustainability-advisory-commission>.

The University of Illinois has created a COVID-19 Contact Tracing App. Information can be found at www.safer.illinois.edu

The Institute for Sustainability Energy and Environment on campus is hosting a community conversation to explore the idea of using micro-nuclear advance reactor technology on campus to help meet campus energy and greenhouse gas reduction goals as outlined in the Illinois Climate Action Plan on Thursday, September 10, 2020. Registration at www.go.illinois.edu/nuclearconversation.

National Green Infrastructure Certification Program hosted starts October 5, 2020 at Parkland College.

The next Sustainability Advisory Commission meeting is scheduled for October 8, 2020.

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned.

This meeting was recorded.